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SUBJECT: MGLBO1: LEBANON MONITORING GROUP SITUATION

REPORT NO. 5

MAIN SYRIAN BORDER CROSSING CLOSES; CAPITAL MOSTLY CALM

11. (SBU) Syrian smugglers instigated clashes at the Masnaa border crossing, but the al-Arida border crossing remains open. (Ops/Embassy Beirut telcon)

12. (SBU) Embassy Beirut notes fighting broke out again in Aley, east of Beirut. Fighting in Tripoli subsided. ISF report 47 dead and 160 wounded since fighting began May

17. (Ops/Embassy Beirut telcon)

ARAB LEAGUE DELEGATION TO ARRIVE MAY 14

13. (SBU) The Qatari-led delegation will include SYG Moussa. (Ops/Embassy Beirut telcon)

AIRPORT ROAD TO REMAIN CLOSED, CHARTER FLIGHTS OPERATING

14. (SBU) Government officials expect the road to remain closed at least through May 14. (Ops/Embassy Beirut telcon, Beirut 655)

EMBASSY TDY AND NGO PERSONNEL DEPART

¶5. (SBU) The personnel are on two chartered boats headed to Cyprus. (Ops/Embassy Beirut telcon)

NO SHORTAGES OF SUPPLIES IN CAPITAL

¶6. (SBU) Commodity prices are increasing despite constant port container traffic. (Ops/Embassy Beirut telcon)

AMCITS NERVOUS, BUT NOT PANICKING

¶7. (SBU) The volume of calls increased May 11 as the fighting became more audible to Americans. (Ops/Embassy Beirut telcon)

¶8. (U) Minimize considered.
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